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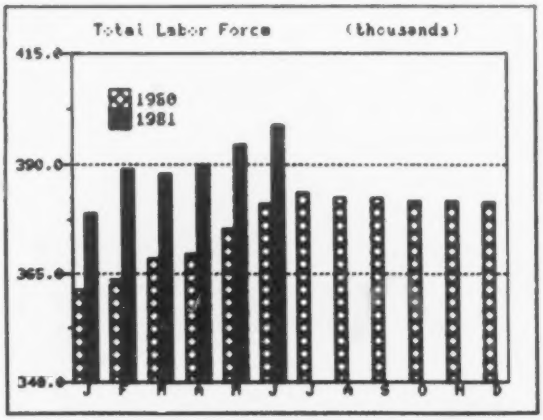
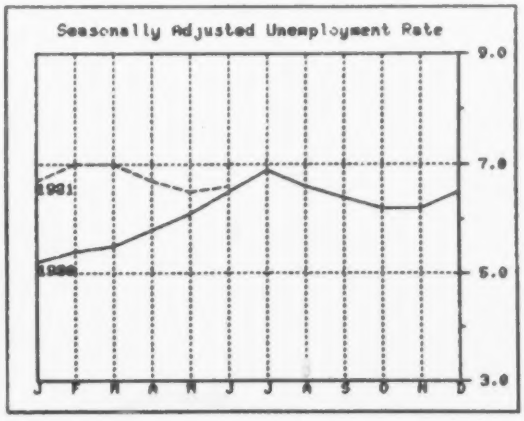
In contrast to decreasing unemployment nationally, Nevada's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 1981 increased by one-tenth of one percentage point to 6.6 percent. The rate of unemployment for the nation dropped by three-tenths of one percent to 7.3 percent. On a regional basis, the jobless rate for the Las Vegas SMSA and Reno SMSA declined slightly from 7.5 percent to 7.4 percent and 5.1 percent to 5.0 percent respectively. The Balance of State estimate increased by one-half of one percent and stood at 6.4 percent.

During the last 30 days, Nevada's establishment-based industrial employment experienced a growth of 2,900 positions, over one-half of that gain occuring in the Balance of State area. On an industrial basis, the job performance in the service and government sectors were less than anticipated for this time of the year. Job losses in the government field are due in part to the traditional job declines during the summer months for education personnel and also due to losses in general revenue funding losses of federal public service employment jobs. The 1,400 job gain in the trade sector was pretty much up to expectations. The remaining industries were at or near anticipated job levels during the month.

Total establishment-based industrial employment attained a level of 417,500 during June 1981, a gain of 15,000 jobs over the same month one year ago. This resulted in a growth rate of 3.7 percent, almost equal to the 4 percent growth rate of one year ago. All major industrial sectors showed positive employment growth during the period except for the government sector, which was down by 400 jobs. The trade industry led all sectors with employment gains of 6,800 jobs. The service industry accounted for about one-half the gain reported for trade with the establishment of 2,700 jobs.

Although the rate of unemployment for Nevada did increase slightly during the month, job opportunities are expected to improve. As the tourist season reaches its peak during the summer months, tourist-related businesses are expected to increase hiring levels. Expected increases in gaming revenues and the reopening of the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas should provide numerous job opportunities.





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NEVADA LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
(estimates in thousands)

INDICATOR	JUN 81	JUN 80	Change	% Change	MAY 81
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	398.6	381.0	17.6	4.6%	394.3
Unemployment	26.6	25.2	1.4	5.6%	24.6
Unemployment Rate	6.7%	6.6%	---	---	6.2%
Unemp. Rate (Seasonally Adjusted)	6.6%	6.5%	---	---	6.5%
Total Employment 1/	371.7	355.6	16.1	4.5%	369.6
Nonagricultural Employment	365.5	349.5	16.0	4.6%	364.3
Agricultural Employment	6.2	6.1	.1	1.6%	5.3
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	.3	.2	---	---	.1

1/ Adjusted by census relationships to reflect number of persons by place of residence.

ESTABLISHMENT BASED INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT 2/
(ESTIMATES IN THOUSANDS)

	JUN 81	JUN 80	CHANGE	% CHANGE	MAY 81
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	417.5	402.5	15.0	3.7	414.0
MINING	8.4	6.2	2.2	35.5	8.1
METAL MINING	5.3	3.6	1.7	47.2	5.1
CONSTRUCTION	20.2	20.0	0.2	0.8	20.6
MANUFACTURING	20.3	19.3	1.0	5.2	20.1
DURABLE GOODS	13.5	12.7	0.8	6.3	13.3
STONE, CLAY & GLASS PRODUCTS	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	1.8	1.7	0.1	5.9	1.8
NON-DURABLE GOODS	6.8	6.6	0.2	3.0	6.8
FOOD PRODUCTS	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0	1.6
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	3.2	3.0	0.2	6.7	3.2
CHEMICALS	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	25.5	24.0	1.5	6.3	25.3
TRANSPORTATION	13.4	12.8	0.6	4.7	13.4
RAILROAD	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0	1.6
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSE	3.7	3.4	0.3	8.8	3.7
AIR	3.1	3.1	0.0	0.0	3.1
PUBLIC UTILITIES	12.1	11.2	0.9	8.0	11.9
TOTAL TRADE	86.4	79.6	6.8	8.5	85.0
WHOLESALE	13.4	13.0	0.4	3.1	13.1
RETAIL	73.0	66.6	6.4	9.6	71.9
GENERAL MERCHANDISE & APPAREL	16.2	13.2	3.0	22.7	16.2
FOOD STORES	10.7	9.6	1.1	11.5	10.6
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STNS.	9.7	9.1	0.6	6.6	9.5
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	22.0	21.3	0.7	3.3	21.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	16.6	17.6	1.0	5.7	16.5
FINANCE	8.5	7.7	0.8	10.4	8.5
SERVICE INDUSTRIES	174.7	172.0	2.7	1.6	172.7
HOTELS, GAMING & RECREATION	116.6	117.4	- 0.8	- 0.7	115.0
PERSONAL	5.4	5.1	0.3	5.9	5.5
BUSINESS	17.1	15.3	1.8	11.8	17.1
MEDICAL & HEALTH	13.9	12.8	1.1	8.6	13.8
GOVERNMENT	57.4	57.8	- 0.4	- 0.7	59.1
FEDERAL	10.4	11.0	- 0.6	- 5.5	10.3
STATE & LOCAL	47.0	46.8	0.2	0.4	48.8
EDUCATION - STATE & LOCAL	18.8	18.7	0.1	0.5	20.9

2/ REFLECTS EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK. DOES NOT NECESSARILY COINCIDE WITH LABOR FORCE CONCEPT. INCLUDES MULTIPLE JOB HOLDERS.

1981 Unemployment Compensation Law Changes

by

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The Nevada Legislature revised portions of Chapter 612 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) during the 1981 session. These statutes pertain to the operations of the Employment Security Department in general, and in particular, the activities of the unemployment compensation division. The four Assembly bills (AB) passed during the recent session and a brief synopsis of them are as follows.

AB 292

Revises Chapter 612 of the NRS. This bill changes the procedure for charging unemployment compensation benefits against an employer. It provides that benefits will be "non-charged" in a case where a claimant has earned 75 percent or more of his wages during his base period from one employer if the employer establishes that the claimant left his employment voluntarily without good cause or was discharged for misconduct connected with his job. The bill added three classes of premiums for payment of unemployment compensation, .3 percent, 3.3 percent, and 3.6 percent. It also provides an offset to unemployment insurance entitlement in certain instances when a claimant is concurrently entitled to a retirement pension and unemployment insurance benefits.

AB 295

Changes NRS 612.245. This unemployment compensation law revises the procedure for appealing some determinations, authorizes the destruction of certain records after they are microphotographed, abolishes the rural manpower services advisory council, and repeals an obsolete provision of the old law.

AB 313

Revises Chapter 612 of the NRS. This law basically restricts and changes the payment of extended unemployment benefits. A person is not le for extended benefits when extended benefits are payable pursuant claim filed under the interstate benefit payment plan and if an extended it period is not in effect in both states. However, these provisions do not apply to the first two weeks for which extended benefits are payable pursuant to a claim filed under the interstate benefit payment plan.

AB 370

Revises Chapter 612 of the NRS. This bill provides disqualifications for receipt of extended benefits if a person does not attempt to seek employment or accept suitable employment when offered. More stringent wage guidelines defining a suitable job are also presented.

ALL URBAN
U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(1967 = 100)

MAY 81	MAY 80	APR 81
269.0	244.9	266.8

U. S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
Seasonally Adjusted

JUN 81	JUN 80	MAY 81
7.3%	7.5%	7.6%

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN MINING AND MANUFACTURING
(Per 100 Employees)

	MINING			MANUFACTURING		
	MAY 81	MAY 80	APR 81	MAY 81	MAY 80	APR 81
ACCESSION RATES						
TOTAL ACCESSIONS	3.6	6.7	3.7	6.6	4.8	6.6
New Hires	3.3	6.4	3.1	5.8	3.2	5.0
Recalls	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.8	1.5	1.6
SEPARATION RATES						
TOTAL SEPARATIONS	3.2	6.2	3.8	5.3	9.1	5.9
Quits	2.5	4.2	2.4	3.1	2.9	4.0
Discharges	0.3	0.7	0.7	1.5	1.1	1.2
Lay-offs	0.1	0.9	0.2	0.4	3.9	0.5
Military & Miscellaneous	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	1.2	0.2

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES IN NEVADA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JUN 1981	JUN 1980	MAY 1981	JUN 1981	JUN 1980	MAY 1981	JUN 1981	JUN 1980	MAY 1981
MINING	437.53	360.50	466.66	40.7	39.1	43.9	10.75	9.22	10.63
CONSTRUCTION	568.93	409.66	570.84	36.8	34.7	36.9	15.46	14.14	15.47
MANUFACTURING	321.09	291.47	319.84	38.5	38.1	39.1	8.34	7.65	8.18
Durable Goods	337.17	305.73	339.77	38.8	38.7	39.6	8.69	7.90	8.58
Stone, Clay & Glass	388.28	334.88	412.63	39.3	37.5	40.1	9.88	8.93	10.29
Primary Metals	512.44	460.62	512.44	41.9	41.2	41.9	12.23	11.18	12.23
Nondurable Goods	280.10	265.29	277.37	37.8	37.0	38.1	7.41	7.17	7.28
Printing & Publishing	264.99	238.38	262.09	36.4	34.8	36.1	7.28	6.85	7.26
PUBLIC UTILITIES	390.67	340.16	387.93	40.4	39.6	40.2	9.67	8.59	9.65
TRADE	233.91	229.50	238.05	33.9	33.7	34.4	6.90	6.81	6.92

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